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RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated 12/24/02, designated as Paper No. 4 in the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments and Remarks as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 16, 19, 34, and 44 as indicated below:

1. (Amended) An optical reader for scanning and decoding at least one optically encoded symbol, the optical reader comprising:

a program loading component operative to store an externally generated program in the optical reader; and

a program execution component coupled to the program loading component, the program execution component being operative to execute the externally generated program stored in the optical reader to thereby perform a predetermined task in accordance with the externally generated program, whereby executing the externally generated program includes replacing at least a portion of the optical reader program.

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